

**TO DISSOLVE
ICE TRUST****Attorney General Mayer Has
Instituted Proceedings****UNDER ANTI-TRUST LAW****Complaint Charges the Trust With Re-
stricting the Harvest of Ice in Sev-
eral States—Ice Costing \$1.90
Sold for \$14 a Ton.**

New York, Dec. 20.—Attorney General Mayer has today filed in the supreme court this morning under the Donnelly anti-trust law to dissolve the ice trust. Complaint charges the company with restricting the harvesting of ice in Maine, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New York by refusing to buy. One of the specific cases cited is in Maine, where the trust control has reduced the harvest from 1,500,000 to 600,000 tons. This restriction has enabled the trust to sell ice costing \$1.90 for \$14 a ton.

THIEF GOT THE MONEY.**Mrs. Ella V. Kober Robbed of \$6,000 in
Philadelphia.**

Philadelphia, Dec. 20.—Mrs. Ella V. Kober was robbed of \$6,000 by a pickpocket in the hotel crowd in the shopping district here yesterday. The money was paid to Mrs. Kober by the Pennsylvania railroad in settlement of a claim on the death of her husband, who was killed in the electric railroad thoroughfare wreck near Atlantic City two months ago. Mrs. Kober had no faith in banks and had refused to accept a check from the railroad in payment of the claim, and demanded cash. She received thirty \$100 and six \$500 notes, which she carried in a secret pocket in an undershirt. While shopping with a friend she discovered that the pocket had been cut from her skirt and the money taken.

**SEVEN INDICTMENTS
MADE IN BOSTON****Matthew Cummings, National A. O. H.
President, Is Charged With Intim-
idation and Coercion of
Voters.**

Boston, Dec. 20.—Seven indictments, two of which were followed by the arrest and arraignment of Matthew Cummings, national president of the Ancient Order of Hibernians, and superintendent of the Boston street cleaning department, and James P. Tinsley, ex-fortman of the city's naving division, were returned yesterday by the Suffolk county grand jury in special session. The five remaining indictments were not made public.

Cummings is charged with having intimidated and coerced voters in the interest of Edward W. Dixon, a candidate for the state senate, last month, at the Democratic primaries. The charges were called to the attention of the district attorney by Daniel J. Kiley, who was defended by Dixon.

CAPT. E. S. HARRIS DEAD.**Well Known Commander on Lake George
for Half a Century.**

Glens Falls, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Captain Elias S. Harris, for half a century a steamboat commander on Lake George and well known to tourists, died yesterday at Lake George village, aged 78 years. He was pilot of the steamer John Jay which was burned in July, 1880. He ran her close to shore at night of burning to death, and many passengers escaped, who had for a long time been his passengers. He retired from service three years ago.

**SHAW DENIES IT.
Says He Has Not Been Offered Mutual
Presidency.**

New York, Dec. 20.—Leslie M. Shaw, secretary of the treasury, today denied the rumor that he had been offered the presidency of the Mutual Life Insurance company in case the administration ticket succeeds. He did not say that he would decline the place if it is offered.

**AMERICAN CONSUL DEAD.
General Nelson Fairchild at Mukden
Shot Himself.**

Port Arthur, Dec. 20.—General Nelson Fairchild, American vice consul at Mukden, shot and killed himself yesterday. The shooting is believed to have been accidental.

Barrett Made Director.

Washington, Dec. 20.—At a meeting presided over by Secretary Root at the state department yesterday, the executive committee of the bureau of American republics, elected John Barrett, at present American minister to Colombia, to be director of the bureau, to succeed William C. Fox of New Jersey, who has occupied the position for two years, and was yesterday nominated to be American minister to Ecuador.

Peary's Ship Sighted.
Chatham, Mass., Dec. 20.—Peary's ship Roosevelt was anchored off Pollock Rip Lightship last evening, and this morning continued on its voyage to New York, in a crippled condition.

DECLARE PATRICK INNOCENT.**The Medico-Legal Society Calls for His
Pardon.**

New York, Dec. 20.—Resolutions asserting belief in the innocence of Albert T. Patrick, convicted of the murder of William Rice, were adopted by the Medico-Legal society at its annual session and dinner last night. The resolutions were based on a report of a special committee of a practical experiment the committee made use of in embalming fluids.

The report declared that embalming fluids did enter the lungs of a dead body. The resolutions further declare that the medical experts who gave contrary testimony at the trial of Patrick were wrong, and that Rice died from natural causes.

The society calls upon Governor Higgins to present to the legislature the resolutions and to pardon the condemned attorney.

President Bell said that 122,000 undertakers and embalmers in the United States and Canada had practically agreed not to use fluids which contain poison for embalming purposes.

SENTENCE COMMUTED.**Patrick Gets Life Imprisonment from
Gov. Higgins.**

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Gov. Higgins today commuted the sentence of Albert T. Patrick, to life imprisonment.

TESTIMONY ADMITTED.**Blow to the Defense in the Colonel Mann
Trial Yesterday.**

New York, Dec. 20.—Certain portions of the testimony given by Col. W. D. Mann at the trial of Norman Haggood, on a charge of criminal libel in the so-called Town Topics case, were admitted by Recorder Goff yesterday in the trial of Col. Mann on a charge of perjury growing out of the Haggood trial.

Counsel for Mann objected to the admission of the testimony on the ground that it was immaterial to the facts at issue in the Haggood trial, and that none of the Haggood records became material in the trial of Mann. The court overruled the objection, it would have been necessary to dismiss the perjury indictment without further proceeding with the trial. The objection was overruled, however, and the testimony at issue was permitted to become a part of the record.

**DEMAND FIVE CENT.
THREATEN STRIKE****Big Railroads Entering New York Re-
ceive Ultimatum From Their
Employees.**

New York, Dec. 20.—Unless the five big railroads entering New York grant an increase of five cents an hour to the yard employees a strike will be declared on December 22nd, that will block the Christmas traffic. The men have refused an offer of four cents and sent an ultimatum to the officials today. James Murdock, fourth vice-president of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, last night issued the ultimatum to all the railroads entering New York with the exception of the New York Central and the New York, New Haven & Hartford railroads. About three thousand men are affected.

Mr. Murdock arrived in the city yesterday from Cleveland, and his ultimatum was the result of a conference with the local officers of the Brotherhood. Most of the roads affected have offered four cents increase. The New York Central and the New Haven roads granted the five cents some time ago.

KILLED BY LORDS.**Education Bill Vote Is 132 to 52 in the
Upper Body.**

London, Dec. 20.—The education bill received its death blow in the House of Lords yesterday. Both sides have spent the last three days in practically incessant conferences, with the object of discovering an acceptable compromise, but the opposition found itself unable to accept the concessions offered by the government.

These were formally presented by the lord president of the council, the Earl of Crewe, when the House of Lords met yesterday afternoon, but Lord Lansdowne, in behalf of the opposition, refused the proffered olive branch and insisted that the lords insist on their amendments to the bill.

EXPLOSION AMONG FIREWORKS.**Two Dead in Savannah, at Result of
Accident.**

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 20.—By the explosion of dynamite in the fireworks factory of Joseph Carbo and John Niva, Italians, last night, a fireman was burned to death, another was fatally burned, and an assistant fire chief and another fireman were seriously and possibly fatally burned. The proprietors were painfully burned and a boy was struck in the face by flying debris and severely hurt.

Carbo and Niva were counting torpedoes they had manufactured. One torpedo dropped and caused the explosion of the rest.

GEO. A. MARDEN DEAD.**Was Assistant Treasurer of United
States at Boston.**

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 20.—The Hon. George A. Marden, assistant treasurer of the United States, in charge of the sub-treasury at Boston, and editor-in-chief of the Lowell Courier-Citizen, died yesterday at his home in this city. Mr. Marden was 67 years old, an anglophile, from which he had been a sufferer several years, being the immediate cause of death. He was taken seriously ill about a month ago, and all hope of his recovery was given up within the past few days.

The Hon. George Augustus Marden was born in the town of Mt. Vernon, N. H., on Aug. 9, 1839.

Among the arrivals at the City hotel today are James E. Miles, Burlington; J. M. O'Brien, G. A. Willey and A. A. Yonge, Boston.

**BREAK AT
RUTLAND****Post Office Thieves Enter
Sub Office****BUT ARE SCARED AWAY****Before They Had Opened Safe—Edw. F.
Shelvey Surprises Them and Gives
Them Hot Chase, Exchanging
Shots, but They Escape.**

Rutland, Dec. 20.—Two unknown masked men broke into the sub-postoffice station located in the store of John T. Shelvey here at two o'clock this morning and stole \$8 in cash and nearly succeeded in getting into the safe containing \$800, of which \$300 belonged to the government, when they were scared away by Edward F. Shelvey, a brother of the store keeper, who sleeps in the building, was awakened by the noise. He entered the store and exchanged shots with the men, who had removed the hinges of the safe, which was of a very simple construction. Shelvey chased the thieves half a mile on horseback, both keeping up a running fire, but no body was hit. It is believed to be the work of professionals who were familiar with the interior of the store and knew that Shelvey had not made a deposit for some days.

OUTSIDE THE LAW.**Senate Committee After Secretaries
Hitchcock and Wilson.**

Washington, Dec. 20.—Admitting that they had no authority of law for the withdrawal from allotment of nearly 4,000,000 acres of lands belonging to the five civilized tribes in the Indian territory for the purpose of creating a forest reservation, two members of the President's cabinet, Secretary Hitchcock of the department of the interior and Secretary Wilson of the department of agriculture, endeavored yesterday to justify their course by stating that they had the best interest of the Indian at heart.

The explanation was made before a select Senate committee, which declined to accept it, and Senator Clark of Wyoming, Tull, Long and Brandegee declared that the interior department had suspended a statute of the United States without authority and that it was the duty of Secretary Hitchcock immediately to cancel his order withdrawing the land from allotment and Secretary Wilson and Chief Forester Clifford Pinchot were told that it was their duty to withdraw their request to the secretary of the interior for a suspension of the allotments.

SITUATION IN NORTHWEST.**Fuel and Food Must Be Put Through
at Once.**

Minneapolis, Dec. 20.—Following reports of fuel famine in the Northwest come reports of shortage of food supplies. Railway service has been interrupted by the cold and blizzards on the western prairies.

A telegram yesterday from a citizen's committee of Ambrose, N. D., says: "Ambrose is without coal and provisions. Twenty cars of fuel and food in the hands of the railway company must be put through there by special train at once in order to relieve the situation, or great suffering will result."

FOUR LIVES LOST IN FIRE.**Victims Confined by Fire and Smoke
and Lost Their Way.**

Buffalo, N. Y., Dec. 20.—Four lives were snuffed out and one person was fatally burned in a small fire in the Zenobia apartment house in Prospect avenue at the corner of West Huron street last night. Other occupants of the place had narrow escapes, half a dozen being rescued by the firemen.

The blaze was a small one and was quickly brought under control by the firemen. The building was a three-story structure and had narrow winding hallways in which the victims, confused by the flames and smoke, lost their way and were overcome.

JEFFRIES MAY COME IN.**Rumor That He Intends to Resume
Pugilistic Work.**

New York, Dec. 20.—In a signed statement published last night, "Tex" Rickard, who managed the fight at Goldfield between Gans and Nelson, says he has offered Jeffries \$50,000 to meet Jack Johnson, the colored heavy weight at Goldfield. Rickard says he has assurances from Jeffries that he will enter the ring again for a purse of \$50,000.

MOTHER TO LECTURE.**To Raise Funds With Which to Make
Appeal in Gillette Case.**

Utica, N. Y., Dec. 20.—The mother of Chester E. Gillette will lecture in various cities in New York to raise funds for an appeal for a new trial for her son. The title of the lecture will be "Chester Gillette, Guilty or not Guilty, a Mother's Plea for Her Son."

STUDENTS DRIVEN OUT.**Some Refused to Go Until Force Was
Used.**

Paris, Dec. 20.—Novitiate at the famous seminary Saint Sulpice, with the directing priests, were expelled by the police today. Fifty students, all foreigners, refused to leave until driven out by physical compulsion.

WATER WAS POLLUTED.**One Farmer Sues Another for \$9,000
Damages.**

Middlebury, Dec. 20.—The criminal jury cases having been disposed of, the first civil jury trial, which had been set at the foot of the criminal docket, was begun in the county court yesterday forenoon and bids fair to take up most if not all of the rest of the week. The case is William H. Taft vs. Belden & Goodale. These parties live on adjoining farms in the town of Walham and the plaintiff brings suit to recover \$9,000 damages alleged to have been done him by the pollution of the springs of his well through the action of the defendant. It is claimed that in the spring of 1904, defendant, Goodale, drew a large amount of manure and barn refuse to a spot within a short distance of the dividing line between the farms and that the drippings from this soaked into the ground and contaminated the sources of Plaintiff Taft's water supply, one result being the long illness with typhoid fever of Mr. Taft's son, then 14 years old, besides which there was other sickness in the family.

OLDEST WOMAN IN VERMONT.**Mrs. Tobie Rosenberg of Burlington Will
Be 103 Next Week.**

Burlington, Dec. 20.—The oldest woman in Vermont probably lives in this city and next month will celebrate the 103rd anniversary of her birth. Her name is Mrs. Tobie Rosenberg. She has passed the year at the home of her granddaughter, Mrs. A. H. London of North Winooski avenue, and with the exception of being blind, is in good health. She can tell all her friends and has good conversational powers. An eye specialist will visit her this week and try to restore her sight, which she hopes to regain.

Mrs. Rosenberg was born in Russia and has resided in this city for 18 years. She has many grandchildren and great grandchildren, who find pleasure in listening to the stories.

TERRORIZED BY DOG.**Bit Over a Score of People and Was
Hard to Kill.**

Lowell, Mass., Dec. 20.—The setter dog which had terrorized this city and the suburbs for the last sixteen hours and which had bitten over a score of people, was finally killed yesterday morning on the piazza of Thomas Varnum, a well known farmer of Varnum avenue, Westbury.

That section of the city had armed itself against attacks from the dog and the police patrolled the section with loaded shotguns and rifles. The dog was shot before encountered by the police, shot twice and clubbed, then left on a heap of refuse. But it came to life again and his several dogs afterward. This is the finish of the worst mad dog scare in the history of Lowell.

INJURED RECOVERING.**Some of Those Hurt in Vergennes Wreck
Go Home.**

Vergennes, Dec. 20.—Mr. and Mrs. Van Houten, who were injured in the railroad wreck near this station and have since been stopping at the Stevens house, left yesterday for their home in New York. Mr. and Mrs. William Simpson of Waterbury and A. C. Dike of Bristol, who were also in the wreck, are still at the Stevens house, and are recovering slowly. Penrose M. Landon of West Rutland, who was injured at the same time, is at the home of Dr. C. B. Wilbur and is just beginning to be able to move about a little.

PLEADS GUILTY.**Charles Henry Bishop Admits Murder of
Mrs. Williams.**

Rockville, Conn., Dec. 20.—Charles Henry Bishop, charged with murder in the first degree in killing Mrs. Henry Williams of Tolland, after being on trial for seven days, pleaded guilty this morning to murder in the second degree. He will be sentenced to life imprisonment.

LOSES AN EYE.**Tool Breaks, Hitting R. C. Thomas With
Serious Effects.**

Bellows Falls, Dec. 20.—R. C. Thomas, electrician, met with a painful accident yesterday at Walpole, N. H., while working with the construction gang for the Mt. Mansfield power line. A tool he was using broke, striking him in the face. One eye was destroyed and the other seriously injured.

I. F. Hatch of Burlington was in the city on business yesterday.

**ATTRACTIVE DISPLAYS
OF HOLIDAY GOODS****Offerings to Suit Every Taste and Every
Purse—The Time for Buying Is
Growing Short.**

The following is a mention of more of the stores of the city that have made special window attractions for Christmas.

At Thomas Brady's Blue store the windows are displaying in an attractive manner men's and boys' suits, pretty neckwear and shirts.

One of the windows in Drown's drug store is very prettily decorated in holly and a large "Merry Christmas Greeting" sign. Boxes of the well known Baker candy are displayed. In the other window there are handsome toilet sets shown.

Kendrick's drug store is displaying choice candies and gold fish in the windows.

Marion's Corner cigar store window is given up to boxes of the firm's popular brands of cigars which will make excellent presents.

Stables for the boys and girls are displayed in the N. D. Phelps Co.'s window.

Wheeler's cigar store window represents the smoker's comfort. Two chairs are placed each side of a small table, on

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**SOLONS COST
STATE \$77,000****Formal Adjournment of Ver-
mont Legislature To-day****WORK DONE LAST NIGHT****Session Lasted 72 Days and 473 New
Laws Were Added to Public Stat-
utes—Scenes of the Closing
Hours.**

Montpelier, Dec. 20.—A record-breaking session of the general assembly of Vermont was closed at eight o'clock this morning with all due solemnity, but with few members present, the work having all been completed at 11:30 o'clock last night. The session was the longest ever known in this state, the members having assembled on the first week of October and having sat since that date with the exception of the week of Thanksgiving, when a recess was taken. The legislators get pay for 72 days, while special committees which sat during the recess, were paid for seven more days. It cost the state \$77,000 to run the legislature—something over \$1,000 a day. This amount does not, of course, take into consideration the appropriations, which, thanks to one or two members, notably Representative E. H. Porter of Wilmington, were kept down to the average.

Former figures on the number of proposed laws were put away in the back ground this session. A total of 674 bills were introduced, of which the House presented 704. A little more than half of them found their way to the statute books. To be more accurate, the laws of the commonwealth were replenished by 472 as the result of the session.

These new laws cover a wide range. The most important relate to automobile legislation, weekly payment of wages by corporations, regulating railroad rates, creating new board of railroad commissioners with increased powers, permanent school fund, grouping of school superintendents, increase of corporation taxes, reorganization of the judiciary, new powers to state highway commission, taxation of interest-bearing deposits in national banks and last but not least the investigation of the accounts of the old board of railroad commissioners. Among the things which the legislature failed to do, the solving of the taxation problem stands out prominently. Two of the old-timers, municipal suffrage for women and abolishment of capital punishment, also fell by the wayside, as did the attempt to free the toll bridges across the Connecticut river and in Lake Champlain.

Their day of annual activity past, Vermont's official solemnly stole away from the capital city today, although some of the legislators had taken it upon themselves to leave before their duties were done. The State House bore a deserted look, with no one but late leavers bustling around to get their affairs in shape. Governor Proctor will remain to finish up the minor details of his business. He has had a strenuous few days.

The Closing Hours.

The closing hours of the legislature were not marked by the usual confusion, during which bills are recklessly passed or ruthlessly slaughtered. Practically everything had been cleared up during the early part of the day yesterday, leaving the automobile legislation to the last. The disagreement of the House and Senate on this matter enabled the conference committee to draft a measure which is generally conceded to be fair. It puts the responsibility on the driver of the automobile for "careless or negligent" driving, and that is determined by a rate of speed equal to ten miles in cities and towns and 25 miles outside. Fine for first offense is \$50 or ten days, with costs of prosecution, and for each of three subsequent offenses, the maximum is \$200; secretary of state may suspend or revoke licenses; registration fee is \$2 for machines of 20-horse power or less and \$5 for those above that; non-residents need not pay registration or license when residing in states or countries which give reciprocal liberties. No opposition developed in either branch and there were no opposing votes.

While the members were waiting for the committee of conference to draft this measure, they amused themselves by various means. For an hour a chorus of fifty or more male voices gave a concert of the popular repertoire. Then they gave a musical session. Two, during which the "poet laureates"—Representative Nichols of Richmond and Chaffee of Enosburg—were crowned, one with the rim of a pasteboard box and the other with a huge straw hat. Each was set up on the marble top of the center table and then required to recite his own compositions, while his auditors cheered vociferously. That amusement worn out, they would require Representative Ed Plinn of Springfield to recite poetry or relate personal experiences. Then it would be "Three cheers for Rickard of Groton" or anyone who happened to catch the eye of the merry-makers. Paper pellets, pamphlets and other handy weapons hurtled through the air, to fill the interim of the lack of entertainment.

Then the conference committee reported and their report was adopted by each branch; the governor messaged in a few approved bills, and the session of 1906 was a thing of the past but for the gloomy dissolution of the two bodies this morning.

Senate Forms Association.

Friendships were cemented and pleasant acquaintances were pledged to be continued. To further this end, the Senate formed an association just as the House had previously done. The officers of the Senate association are: President, Lieutenant Governor Charles H. Prouty; vice president, Senator Chase

of Windham county; secretary, Clerk Walter K. Farnsworth; treasurer, Senator Frank G. Howland of Washington county; directors, Senators of Lamotte, Johnson of Orange and Somers of Orleans county. The blind chaplain, the Rev. M. W. Farnham, was not forgotten during the last few days although he was not present, a purse of \$25 being sent to him.

It is possible that one or two of the measures passed by both branches of the legislature may never find their way to the statute books, through the pocket veto of the governor. The executive avoided a veto last night by asking the legislature to recall the bill which increased the salary of the state bank inspector from \$1,000 to \$1,500. When recalled, the bill was amended to place the salary at \$1,200 a year.

Last night Governor Proctor appointed Henry B. Cushman to be judge of the new municipal court in Newport.

One of the features of the last session of the House was the second killing of an attempt to pay the judiciary committee three dollars per day extra. It was the occasion for an earnest debate, but the economists finally triumphed by a vote of 28 to 86. But the House did open a general session of the Vermont State Bank for extra services rendered.

The bill known as the "mental anguish" measure, to provide redress for the failure of telegraph companies to deliver messages in a reasonable time, died through the failure of the conference committee of the two branches to agree. Another bill that failed was that giving the voters of Burlington a referendum on the city charter amendments. It died in the hands of the Senate committee on municipal corporations, one of whose members is Senator Van Patten of Burlington.

In accordance with the provisions of Senate bill 146, Governor Proctor has appointed as a committee to formulate a uniform system of records and forms for judges of probate and county clerks, H. B. Harmon of Rutland, C. J. Russell of Burlington, H. T. Cushman of Bennington, M. A. Bingham of Burlington, F. E. Alfred of Newport and A. F. Schwenk of Brattleboro. The first three named are county clerks and the last three are judges of probate court.

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**FIREMEN FIGHT
ONE IS HURT****George Hulbert of the Burl-
ington Department****FIRE LOSS WAS SMALL****Several Firemen Were Fighting Flames
in E. M. Sutton's Block When
Stairway Collapsed and Hurled
Them to the Ground.**

Burlington, Dec. 20.—Several firemen were hurled fifteen feet to the ground and one of them, George Hulbert, was quite badly injured by the collapsing of a stairway during a fire at E. M. Sutton's block, at the corner of Maple and Battery streets last night. The loss by fire will not exceed \$400. The cause of the fire has not been explained.

The lower floor of the building is occupied by Richard Daley as a pool room and restaurant, and he is the principal loser. The flames were discovered by Policeman Sullivan shortly after eleven o'clock. In the early part of the fire, while several firemen were fighting the flames from a stair landing on the outside of the building, some 15 feet from the ground, it gave way as a result of being weakened by fire, and the firemen were thrown to the frozen ground among all sorts of debris. Hulbert was able to walk from between the buildings, but it was feared at the time he had sustained a broken leg. He was taken to the station and examined by Dr. G. M. Sabin, who found he had a broken rib, a sprained leg and several bruises.

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TALK OF THE TOWN.**All stores in the city are open every
evening this week.**

John A. Perry of Northfield was in town on business yesterday.

B. W. Keniston of Plymouth, N. H., is visiting friends in the city.

Auction sale of the Amesbury Rooms Saturday and Monday evenings.

Cabinet and business meeting of the Fourth League after prayer meeting this evening.

Chief of Police L. N. Gauthier of Lebanon, N. H., is visiting in town for a few days.

Mrs. William Leveir of Northfield is visiting her sister, Mrs. T. R. McLean of Graniteville.

Alex. Stuart of Graniteville left for Boston this morning and will sail Monday for Scotland.

John J. Hartigan leaves tonight for Boston, where he will visit relatives for two or three weeks.

Dr. Brady received a consignment of 4,000 yearling this morning for Bate's dealer's pond in Orange.

Will the members of St. Monica's choir please meet at the vestry for rehearsal this evening at 6 o'clock sharp.

Nichols' dancing school for beginners will meet in Miles' hall tonight. Tickets for remainder of term, gentlemen \$2, ladies \$1.

Prentiss Towse, who is attending Tufts college, returned this morning to spend the holiday vacation at his home in Washington.

The funeral of the late Ralph W. Gilbertson, who died Monday night, will be held tomorrow afternoon at 2:30, at the church of the Good Shepherd.

Nothing can beat the floor and the music we have been having at our Saturday night dances. Another one Saturday night in the M. W. A. hall.

The Woodmen will hold a public dance in the M. W. A. hall Saturday night, December 22. Gilbertson's orchestra. Gentles 50 cents. Ladies free.

A special meeting of the degree team of Granite City lodge, I. O. O. F. M. U., at K. of C. hall, Friday afternoon at half-past two. A good attendance is requested.

Companion Court Granite City, No. 737, I. O. F., will hold a regular meeting in Foresters' hall in the Worthen block, Friday evening, December 21, at 7:30 o'clock. Minnie Bruce, R. S.

There was a small blaze in the show window of the Union Clothing store last evening, destroying the decorations, but doing no other damage. The chemicals were called but the clerks extinguished the blaze before it reached the scene.

Get ready for the masquerade ball to be held in the Woodmen's hall, Thursday evening, December 27th. Tickets on sale by the committee. Admission, gentlemen,